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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 25, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 62, 63, 72, 73, 78, and 79.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 6, 12-15, 17, 18, 30, 32, 35, 39, 42, 55, 57-59, 64, 68, 69, and 76 as follows:

1. (thrice amended) A system, comprising:
a base station that provides a forward channel signal; and
a plurality of remote stations, wherein each remote station monitors said forward channel signal, monitors a reverse channel within an assigned period of time in a clear channel assessment interval, and provides a reverse channel signal when said reverse channel is clear within said assigned period of time, wherein said clear channel assessment interval is partitioned into periods of time and each of said periods of time is assigned to one of said plurality of remote stations.